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Advisory Action

Application No. 09/207,130

Applicant(s)

Examiner

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THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE: [check only a) or b)]					
	a) [expires mon	nths from the mailing date of the final rejection.	·	
	b) [ths from the mailing date of the final rejection, or on the wever, will the statutory period for the response expire later.		
	date	vextension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The e on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of ermining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be culated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.			
	Appellant's Brief is due two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on (or within any period for response set forth above, whichever is later). See 37 CFR 1.191(d) and 37 CFR 1.192(a).				
Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed on <u>Nov 27, 2000</u> has been considered with the following effect, but is NOT deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:					
X	∑ The proposed amendment(s):				
		will be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.			
	X will not be entered because:				
	they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See note below).			earch. (See note below).	
	they raise the issue of new matter. (See note below).				
		they are not deemed issues for appeal.	to place the application in better form for appeal	by materially reducing or simplifying the	
•	they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.			ber of finally rejected claims.	
	NOTE:				
		Applicant's response has	s overcome the following rejection(s):		
	Nev sep	wly proposed or amended parate, timely filed amend	d claims Iment cancelling the non-allowable claims.	would be allowable if submitted in a	
	The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:				
	The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.				
X	For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claims is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any): Claims allowed:				
		Claims objected to:			
	Claims rejected: 1-15				
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